



Connecting Alumni and Building Relationships Across the State: Ohio-Japan Alumni Network

Oct. 24: "Alumni Voices: Sharing Japan-related Experiences and Opportunities"



OH-JAN Planning Meeting

Purpose

OH-JAN connects alumni from K-16 Japan-related programs in Ohio (language study, internships and study abroad) with alumni of our own or other schools, educators, students, businesses and the community; members serve as mentors and advocate for careers using Japanese through email, video, webinar, or in-person interactions; supporting the 3,606 students in Japan-related programs at 41 K-16 institutions across Ohio (OSU Fall 2015: 384 students in 22 different classes).

Impact

Create the Network: Establish representatives for the 23 Ohio colleges with Japanese language programs that serve 2,173 students.

Mentor: Since 2013, coordinated 34 alumni visits to colleges to talk about their experiences and advocate for careers with a Japanese focus; created 42 videos by alumni posted on OH-JAN website.

Sustainability: Statewide event held Oct. 24, 2015 to establish connections between alumni of various career sectors and enable networking between students, alumni and educators.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

East Asian Studies Center
Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures
Institute for Japanese Studies
Office of International Affairs
College of Arts and Sciences

Community Partners Involved

Bowling Green State University
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland State University
Columbus State Community College
Cuyahoga Community College
Denison University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Miami University
Oberlin College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Otterbein University
Sinclair Community College
University of Akron
University of Cincinnati
University of Findlay
University of Mount Union
University of Toledo
Wittenberg University
Wright State University
Xavier University
Dublin City Schools
Marysville High School
Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership

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Oct. 24: 16 speakers and moderators from 11 institutions



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